(c) whether the State Administration has requested for increasing its quota of sugar to make it available for all in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, by when Government propose to increase the sugar quota for Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the basic monthly quota of levy sugar of Madhya Pradesh is based on its 1986 population. However, an ad-hoc increase of 5 percent in the aforesaid quota is being allowed to all State Governments/ Union Territories from August, 1991, which will continue till September, 1992, after which the position would again be reviewed.

(c) No such request from the State Government has been received recently.

(d) Increase in levy sugar quotas of States/Union Territories would depend upon the sustained increase in the levels of sugar production.

Allotment of Sugar, Wheat and Palmolein to Kerala

1671. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Kerala has requested the Government of India to enhance allotment of Sugar, wheat and Palmolein for July to October; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A request has been received from the Kerala Government for additional allotment of 5000 tonnes of levy sugar for Onam festival. A quantity of 3600 tonnes of levy sugar has already been allotted as festival quota to the State of Kerala for the month of September, 1992.

As regards wheat, a request was received from the Kerala Government for enhancement of their monthly allotment to 50,000 tonnes per month, but keeping is view the availability of wheat is the Central Pool, they have been allotted 25,000 tonnes each month from June, 1992 to August, 1992.

A request was also received from the Government of Kerala for allocation of additional quantity of palmolein. Since palmolein is available only at Bombay and Kandla, Kerala Government have been requested to intimate whether they were prepared to lift palmolein oil from Bombay and Kandla. Their reply is still awaited.

Subsidy Paid to F.C.I.

1672. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India has been subsidised heavily by Government;

(b) if so, what is the break up of subsidy paid to Food Corporation of India over the past six years;

(c) what is the likely amount of subsidy to be paid to Food Corporation of India during the current financial year; and

(d) whether Government propose to abolish this subsidy completely or reducing it substantially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The following amounts have been released/paid by the Government of India to the Food Corporation of

India towards food subsidy during the last 6 years:—

Year	(Rs. in crore)
1986-87	2,000·00
1987-88	2,000·00
1988-89	2,200·00
1989-90	2,476·00 including sugar
1990-91	2,450·00 including sugar
1991-92	2,850·00

(c) During the current financial year, a provision of Rs. 2,500.00 crores has been made in the Budget Estimates for providing subsidy to the F.C.I.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for abolition of the food subsidy. The quantum of subsidy depends on the level of procurement, issue prices, quantum of supplies under various schemes and the level of buffer stocks etc.

Procurement and issue prices of commodities handled by F.C.I.

1673. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the differences between procurement prices and issue prices of various commodities handled by the Food Corporation of India during the past three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that issue prices by Food Corporation of India are too high;

(c) whether Government are considering to reduce this difference and if so, to what extent; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) While the minimum support prices (MSP) of paddy and wheat are uniform throughout the country, the procurement prices of levy-rice differ from State to State. The Central issue prices (CIP) of rice and wheat are also uniform throughout the country. The MSP of paddy, procurement prices of levy-rice (Punjab and Haryana which are the highest) and the MSP of wheat for the past three kharif/rabi seasons are compared with the CIP (ex-FCI godown) of rice and wheat in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No. 30).

The retail issue price of levy sugar is fixed taking into account the all-India average ex-factory levy sugar prices, excise duty, the Central cess and the normative distribution cost. The All India Average ex-factory levy sugar prices and retail issue prices of levy sugar and retail issue prices of levy sugar for the past three years are as under:—

(Rs. per Quintal)

Sugar Year	All India Average Ex-factory prices	Date from which issue prices effective	Retail issue prices (Rs. per Kg.)
1988-89	436·09	1-1-89	5·25
1989-90	494·16	Do.	Do.
1990-91	523·23	24-7-91 (Evening)	6·10
1991-92	579·88	21-1-92	6·90